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1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on October 31, 2002 was filed after the mailing date of the Non-final Office Action on October 25, 2002. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner. A copy is attached.

2. The Declaration filed on June 4, 2001 (not April 4, 2001 as noted on order of November 4, 2005) was considered by the examiner on October 7, 2002 and sent to applicant on October 25, 2002. A copy is attached.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Melba Bumgarner whose telephone number is 571-272-4709. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached at 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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